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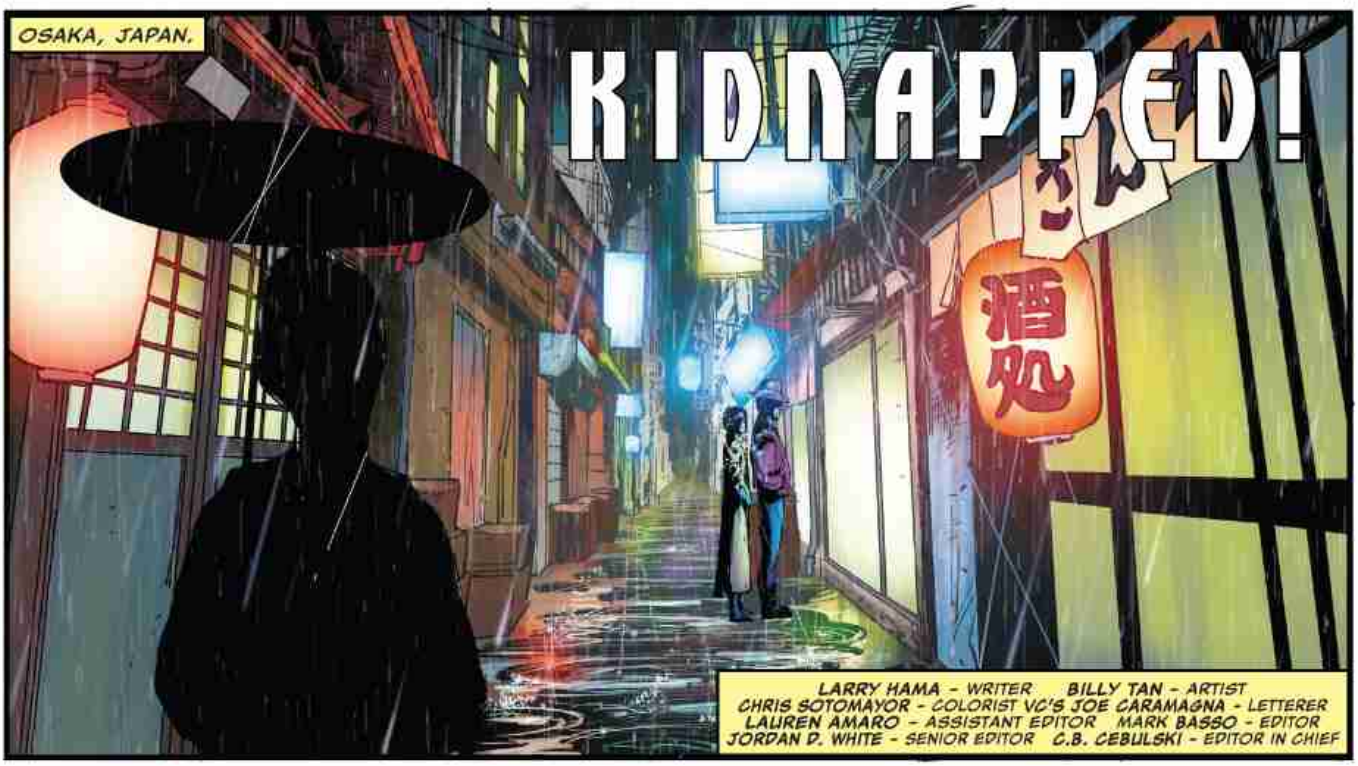
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I HEAR THERE MIGHT BE SOMEBODY HERE INTERESTED IN SOME FRESH MERCHANDISE.

BEAT IT, GAIJIN. NOTHING HERE FOR YOU.
GET LOST BEFORE WE GUT YOU AND DUMP YOU IN THE CANAL.

THIS ONE'S SPECIAL.
A GENUINE MUTANT.
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT, KID.
PAF
PAF
PAF
HA HA HA!
THAT'S ALL SHE CAN DO? JUST LAST WEEK WE BROKERED A GIRL WHO COULD BURN THROUGH STEEL PLATE!
THE CLAN THAT TOOK OVER DAI KUMO'S OLD TURF IS LOOKING FOR THE SPECIAL ONES.
NO MATTER WHAT LEVEL OF POWERS THEY HAVE...

...BUT WHY SHOULD WE SHARE OUR COMMISSION WITH SOME SMELLY GAIJIN?
YOU MIGHT HAVE ASKED YOURSELF THAT BEFORE YOU GOT YOURSELF DEAD.
SNIKT! SCHLUNK!
CHIKU-SHOOOO!
YOUR FIREWORKS WON'T KEEP YOUR THROAT FROM GETTING SLICED, BRAT!

LIGHT 'EM UP WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE, JUBILEE!
SHUNK
BRAT, HUH? THAT CALLS FOR A THONG SCORCHING.
PAF
PAF
AIEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
THUNK
THUNK

I HAD A FEELING YOU MIGHT BE TURNING UP AROUND HERE. THE POLICE ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY.
SHALL WE MAKE OUR EXIT BEFORE WE ARE STUCK ANSWERING AWKWARD QUESTIONS?
LATER, AT A RAMEN STALL...
THAT WAS A SLICK MOVE WITH THE THROWING KNIVES--ARE YOU A NINJA?
NOT HARDLY. I'M WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL AN "ADVENTURER."
YOUR USUAL HAUNT IS TOKYO, YUKIO--WHAT BRINGS YOU TO OSAKA?
I WAS HIRED BY AN ORPHANAGE TO LOCATE THESE SISTERS WHO WERE ABDUCTED...
YUREI AND HINO-CHAN.
PARENTS DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE WHEN THE GIRLS WERE TODDLERS...

THE ORPHANAGE DIRECTORS THOUGHT HINO-CHAN WAS A PYROMANIAC AND KEPT HER LOCKED UP, BUT SHE MELTED THE LOCK.
THEY THINK SHE GOT HOLD OF A BLOWTORCH, BUT YOU AND I KNOW BETTER.
I SUSPECT SHE ALSO HAS CONGENITAL ANALGESIA, AND PROBABLY IMPERVIOUS TO PSYCHIC PAIN AS WELL.
THEY THOUGHT YUREI WAS SOME SORT OF CHILD PRODIGY ESCAPE ARTIST SINCE LOCKED ROOMS COULD NOT CONTAIN HER. THE TRUTH IS, SHE CAN PUT HER MOLECULES OUT OF PHASE AND PASS THROUGH SOLID OBJECTS.
SHE TELEPORTS, TOO-- AND CAN PHASE AND TELEPORT ANYTHING SHE TOUCHES. YUREI IS HYPER SENSITIVE TO PAIN, BOTH PHYSICAL AND PSYCHIC.
JUBILEE AND I ARE HERE BECAUSE CHARLIE XAVIER HEARD ABOUT MUTANT KIDS BEING ABDUCTED AND WANTED US TO CHECK IT OUT.
THESE TWO SEEM TO BE LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR HIS LITTLE ACADEMY IN WESTCHESTER.
YOU MENTIONED THAT ONE OF THE YAKUZA SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE CLAN THAT TOOK OVER DAI KUMO'S TURF. HE HAS A BIG-TIME OYABUN AROUND HERE--
I KNOW WHO HE WAS, AND WHERE HIS TURF IS.
SHALL WE WANDER OVER THERE AND RATTLE A FEW CAGES?
CAN I GET A NOODLE REFILL FIRST?
KAEDAMA ONEGAISHIMASU!

THIS IS REIKO SATO REPORTING FROM SHINSENKAI, WHERE A YAKUZA-OWNED NIGHTCLUB HAS APPARENTLY BEEN RAIDED BY ANOTHER GANG.
THIS POPULAR AQUATIC-THEMED NITERY OCCUPIES THE SITE THAT WAS ONCE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CRIMINAL CLAN RUN BY OYABUN *DAI KUMO*.
IT IS NOW A SCENE OF GRISLY HORROR.
TAKO
THE YAKUZA WHO SURVIVED THIS RAID HAVE FLED, AND HAVE TAKEN THEIR DEAD AND WOUNDED WITH THEM. THERE IS NOBODY TO TELL US WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED INSIDE.
PASSERSBY ON THE STREET REPORTED FLASHES OF WHAT SEEMED TO BE *FIREWORKS* INSIDE THE BUILDING.
THE CRIME SCENE HAS THE POLICE BAFFLED. WHAT CAUSED THESE MYSTERIOUS *CLAW MARKS?*

AND HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN *THESE?*
WERE THERE ***NINJAS*** INVOLVED?
MOST DISTURBING WAS THE DISCOVERY OF SOME SORT OF CELLBLOCK IN THE CELLAR.
WHO WERE THEY LOCKING UP DOWN HERE?
EVEN MORE DISTURBING IS THAT ONE OF THE CELLS IS LINED WITH ***ASBESTOS,*** AND UNDER THE ASBESTOS, THEY FOUND A LAYER OF MYSTERIOUS METAL FOIL.
AND A SCORCHED FRAGMENT OF A SCHOOLGIRL UNIFORM BLAZER WAS LYING ON THE FUTON.
THE BRASS BUTTON IS FROM THE KONDO ORPHANAGE SCHOOL IN TOKYO...
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU HAVE MEDDLED IN. THERE ARE OTHERS INVOLVED IN THIS BUSINESS THAT WILL CHEW YOU UP AND SPIT YOU OUT!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU'RE MESSING WITH.
NOW, ARE YOU GOING TO TELL US WHERE THE KIDS YOU HAD LOCKED UP IN THOSE CELLS WERE TAKEN TO, OR NOT?
I WAS AN UNDERBOSS IN DAI KUMO'S ORGANIZATION BEFORE I STARTED MY OWN CLAN. WE YAKUZA HAVE A SYSTEM OF HONOR.
I WILL NOT BETRAY THAT HONOR NO MATTER HOW YOU TORTURE ME.
SNIKT
YOU TRAFFIC CHILDREN, AND YOU GOT THE GALL TO SAY YOU HAVE HONOR? DON'T WORRY, NO ONE'S GONNA WORK YOU OVER.
YOU WERE LUCKY TO BAIL ON DAI KUMO BEFORE I GAVE HIM AND HIS CREW THEIR JUST DESERTS...*
*AS SEEN IN WOLVERINE (1988) #33! --MB
YOU'RE PATCH! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO--
THE ONE AND ONLY. SLICED AND DICED HIS PET TIGER, TOO.
SO, WHERE DID THE KIDS GO?

THE AQUARIUM SEEMS LIKE AN ODD VENUE FOR A MANGA AND ANIME CONVENTION...

...WHAT CHARACTERS ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE? I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THEM.

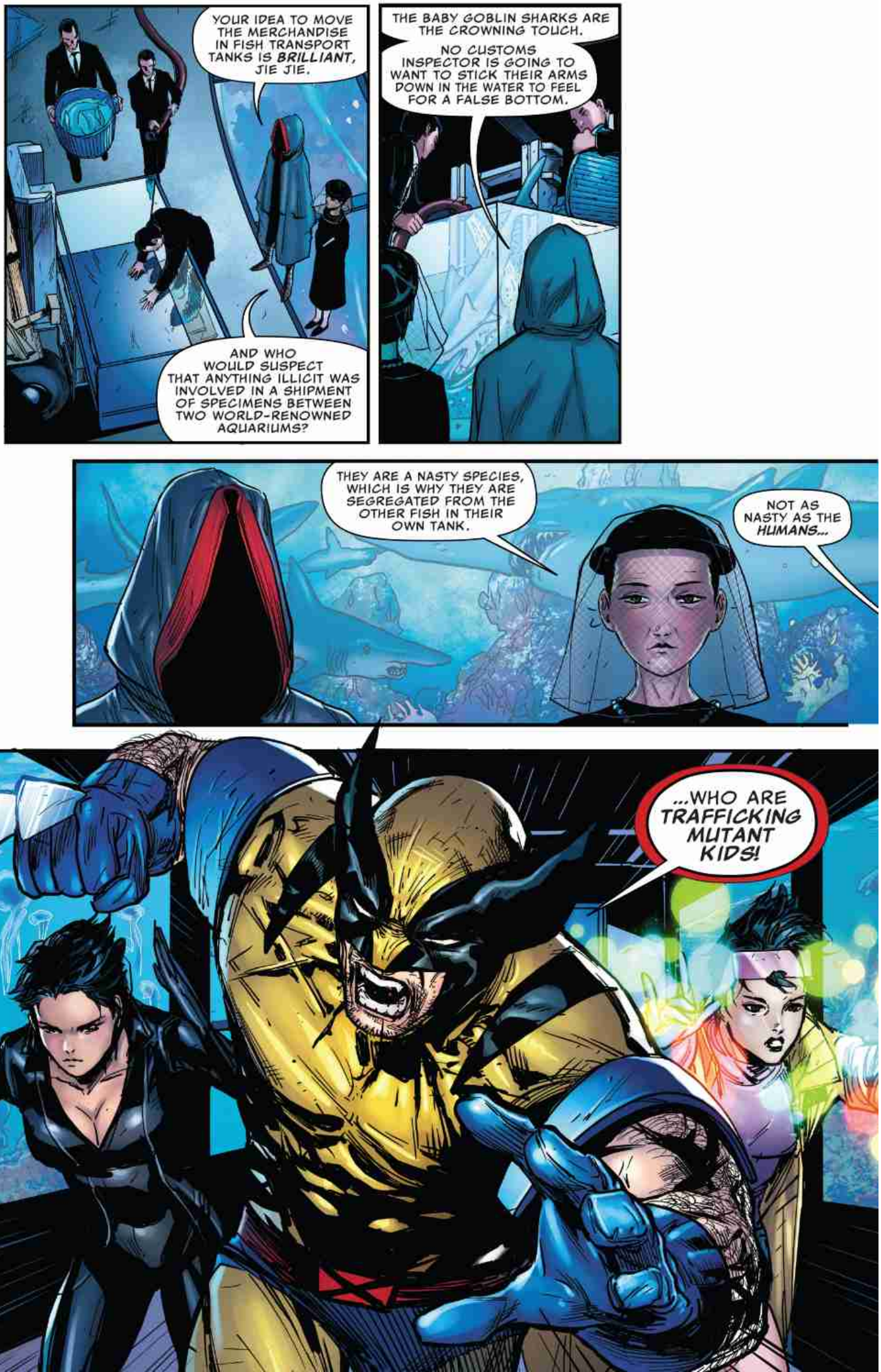
ARE YOU SURE THE EVENT IS TONIGHT? IT LOOKS CLOSED!
PRE-OPENING EVENT FOR GOLDEN TICKET HOLDERS. VERY EXCLUSIVE AND LOW-KEY.
THIS JOINT IS LOCKED UP TIGHTER THAN A CLAM WITH LOCKJAW. HOW WE GETTIN' IN, DARLIN'?
I HAVE MY WAYS.
I BET YOU DO!

YOU HAVE DONE WELL, MY LITTLE SNOW MAIDEN...

...I AM ALMOST INCLINED TO FORGIVE YOU FOR ALLOWING THE WRAITH-CHILD TO ESCAPE.
OUR BUYER IS VERY DISAPPOINTED, BUT IS STILL ANXIOUS FOR DELIVERY OF THIS FIRE-CHILD. SO--YOU WILL OVERSEE THE DELIVERY AND MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE BUYER IS SATISFIED.
I WILL NOT FAIL YOU, *NE-SAN.*

DO NOT INSULT ME BY RENDERING MY NAME IN YOUR INFERIOR LANGUAGE. YOU WILL ADDRESS ME PROPERLY IN *MANDARIN.*
AS YOU WISH, *JIE JIE--* MOST AUSPICIOUS ELDER SISTER.

YOU JUST WAIT! *YUREI* WILL FIND ME, AND THEN YOU'LL ALL BE *SORRY!* >:MMFF:


YOUR IDEA TO MOVE THE MERCHANDISE IN FISH TRANSPORT TANKS IS BRILLIANT, JIE JIE.
AND WHO WOULD SUSPECT THAT ANYTHING ILLICIT WAS INVOLVED IN A SHIPMENT OF SPECIMENS BETWEEN TWO WORLD-RENOWNED AQUARIUMS?
THE BABY GOBLIN SHARKS ARE THE CROWNING TOUCH.
NO CUSTOMS INSPECTOR IS GOING TO WANT TO STICK THEIR ARMS DOWN IN THE WATER TO FEEL FOR A FALSE BOTTOM.
THEY ARE A NASTY SPECIES, WHICH IS WHY THEY ARE SEGREGATED FROM THE OTHER FISH IN THEIR OWN TANK.
NOT AS NASTY AS THE HUMANS...
...WHO ARE TRAFFICKING MUTANT KIDS!

THESE INTERLOPERS ARE KNOWN TO ME, JIE JIE.
I SHALL DEAL WITH THEM APPROPRIATELY!
WE REALLY NEED TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS, YURIKO.
THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM AFTER I KILL YOU, GAIJIN!
I SET 'EM UP FOR YOU, YUKIO!
PAF
PAF
PAF
PAF
NICELY DONE, JUBILEE!
THOK
THOK
THOK
THOK

SHLOONK
NNG--!
THWAMM
DON'T FRET, DARLIN'S.
NOTHIN' MY HEALIN' FACTOR CAN'T DEAL WITH.
THE AMATEURS HAVE HAD THEIR CHANCE.
NOW, IT IS THE TURN...

...OF THE PROFESSIONALS.
I HAD A FEELIN' THE HAND WAS MIXED UP IN THIS.
THEY HAVE THEIR EVIL FINGERS IN A LOT OF PIES.
I'M CRANKING UP MAXIMUM PAF-POWER FOR THESE CREEPS.
THESE ARE THE CREAM OF THE ELITE ASSASSINATION GROUP. THEY WILL MAKE SHORT WORK OF--

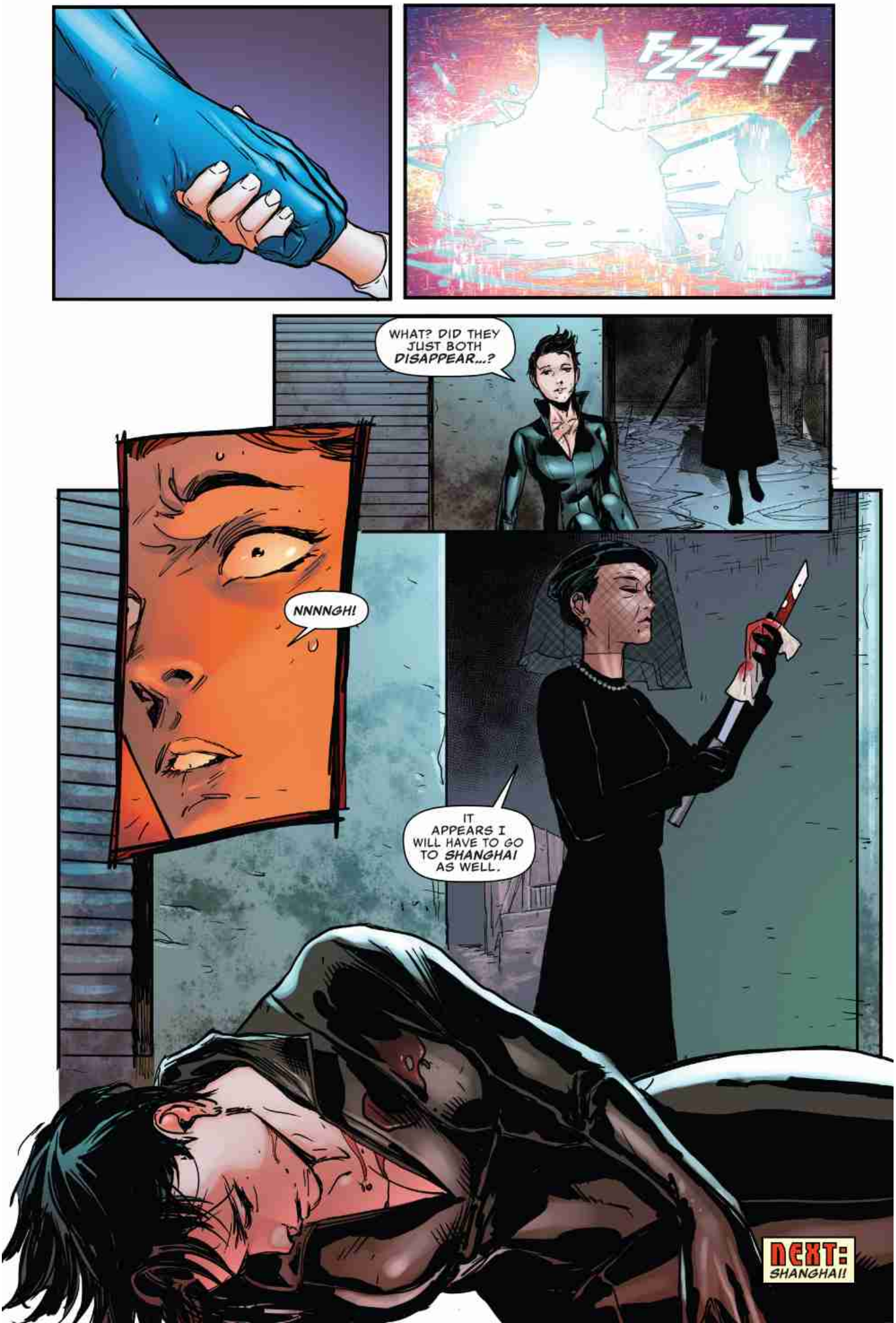
THESE LADIES ARE BEGINNING TO TICK ME OFF...
ZASH!
SHREKK!
I CAN THINK OF A BETTER WORD THAN "LADIES."
PAF
MINE IS PROBABLY WORSE.

THIS MAY TAKE MORE TIME THAN I ANTICIPATED.
LADY DEATHSTRIKE, I AM CHARGING YOU WITH GETTING THE MERCHANDISE LOADED ON THE SHIP, AND YOU WILL ACCOMPANY IT TO THE DESTINATION.
AS YOU COMMAND!
SHE'S MOVIN' THE KID! STOP HER!
I WON'T LET HER GET AWAY, LOGAN!
I HAVE MY ORDERS FROM ELDER SISTER...
SHZAASH
AIEEEEE!
...AND I WILL NOT PERMIT LOW-BORN INTERLOPERS TO INTERFERE!

NOT A SINGLE SPARK FROM YOU, CHILD--OR I WILL RIP YOUR THROAT OUT.
YOUR POWERS ARE NOT AS IMPRESSIVE AS YUREI'S, BUT YOU MIGHT STILL BE OF INTEREST TO THE BUYER!
JUBILEE!
OKAY, LET'S UP THE ANTE HERE.
SPONKK!
CRRRRRRRRAK

SHOOOOOOOOOOM
ZASH
ARE WE HAVIN' FUN YET?
SHREKK
YUKIO! WHERE ARE YOU--?

SHE GOT ME GOOD, BUT I'LL LIVE.
GO AFTER DEATHSTRIKE! SHE'S GOT JUBILEE, AND SHE'S HEADING FOR THAT FREIGHTER AT THE END OF THE PIER.
NO! JUBILEE...!
I CAN TAKE YOU TO HER...
...JUST TAKE MY HAND.


FZZZZT
WHAT? DID THEY JUST BOTH DISAPPEAR...?
NNNNGH!
IT APPEARS I WILL HAVE TO GO TO SHANGHAI AS WELL.
NEXT: SHANGHAI!

NEXT:

Wolverine and Jubilee's tour is just getting started!
Be here next month as Omega Red joins the hunt!

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